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THIS ALL HAPPENED JUST BEFORE I LOST MY PARENTS IN AN ACCIDENT
THE FIGURE OF AN ANGEL THAT I'D SEEN IN A PICTURE BOOK GIVEN TO ME BY MY MOTHER...
—THAT FIGURE WHICH BOUND PEOPLE TOGETHER WITH THE RED THREAD WAS SO BEAUTIFUL AND KIND
I COULDN'T TEAR MY EYES AWAY
THINKING BACK ON IT NOW, I BELIEVE THAT WAS MY FIRST LOVE
AND THEN...

Bittersweet Destiny

"WHEN MEN EXCEED 30 YEARS OF AGE AND ARE STILL SINGLE THEY TURN INTO FAIRIES."
IS
...WHAT I READ ONLINE
listless
DRINKING ON MY OWN LIKE A LONELY BASTARD ON THE NIGHT OF MY BIRTHDAY...
WHICH IS TO SAY IN ANOTHER FEW HOURS I'LL BE TURNING INTO A FAIRY
AT THIS RATE I'M NOT GOING TO BECOME EVEN A FAIRY. JUST LIVING THE REST OF MY LIFE LIKE THIS, ALONE
Grip
I'M SURE EVEN I HAVE A FATED RED THREAD...
IMPOSSIBLE
NO NO JUST A MINUTE! IT'S MY DREAM TO MARRY A CUTE WIFE AND MAKE A HUMBLE FAMILY!

AN... ANGEL?
ID NUMBER. AN-085 127-212-8 ETC IMOTO SUSUMU
WHAT?
IT'S NOT HAPPENING THE FACT IS, YOU DON'T HAVE A RED THREAD
bat-thump

—LIKE SOMEONE YANKED HIM STRAIGHT OUT OF THAT PICTURE BOOK.
dumbstruck
IT'S...
rustle
AM...I DREAMING?
OWOWOW-
OWOWOW!
pinnnnnnnnnch
IT HURTS RIGHT? NO DREAM
HERE
WH-WHAT THE HELL!?

*TN: Phonetic characters are a fake-y way of writing Japanese, often used by penny-ante punks as a form of defiance against the system. They are also used by Chinese and Korean foreigners.

SHOCK
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THAT? IF YOU MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY YOU'RE GOING TO DIE SINGLE, YOU KNOW
HANG ON THERE
flip
WELL I'LL JUST CALL THE POLICE NOW
...AND EXTREMELY SUSPICIOUS!
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
WHAT ARE YOU?
WHAT AM I HM... JUST WHAT MY BUSINESS CARD SAYS REALLY
IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE TO EXPLAIN SO YOU CAN JUST LIKE THAT "ANGEL" THINGY
OF COURSE I CAN'T!
PLEASE EXPLAIN YOURSELF!
What do you mean "thingy"?
BASICALLY...
I'M A BEING WHOSE JOB IT IS TO GOVERN THE FATE OF HUMANS ON THIS PLANET
I don't make any big decisions
WELL I SAY "GOVERN" IN MY CASE I JUST GET ORDERS FROM ABOVE AND MAKE SURE THEY HAPPEN
BY THE WAY I'M IN CHARGE OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE

MY WORLD IS IN A RECESSION, TOO, ACTUALLY.
IT ALL SOUNDS IMPORTANT BUT...
THE TRUTH IS, I'M JUST A PENCIL-PUSHER
AN LATELY YOUR BIRTHRATE IS DECLINING SO THERE'S LESS WORK
WHICH OF COURSE MEANS OUR JOB IS EASIER BUT OBVIOUSLY IT ALSO MEANS WE MAKE LESS MONEY
sigh
I REALLY CAN'T TELL IF THIS IS FANTASY OR REALITY
SO
WHY IS SOMEONE IN YOUR POSITION APPEARING IN MY LIFE?
what do you want from me?
stare
?
WHAT?
WHAT KIND OF ACCIDENT!?
YOU SEE THERE WAS A BIT OF AN ACCIDENT...
sigh
beep
ONE DAY, MY WORK WAS DOING ROUTINE MAINTENANCE ON THE MACHINERY
beep
beep
AND FILLING OUT FORMS AT THE SAME TIME

float
float
OKAY YOU'RE GOOD TO GO
This stupid red thread again. Give me a break.
UGH THIS IS SO TEDIOUS
Mhm.
Mhm.
MAN. IT WAS JUST REALLY BAD LUCK
JUST SAY YOU WERE BEING NEGLIGENT!
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING BEARS NO RELATION TO THE SITUATION YOU DESCRIBE
How's that an accident?
TO THINK A SOUL WENT OUT WITHOUT A RED THREAD OR ANY ADJUSTMENTS AT ALL
YEAH. TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT THAT KID WAS YOU.
flick
SO... WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT MY SAD LIFE IS YOUR FAULT
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT'S THE ONLY FACTOR
But yes I played a role.
Luck also factors in here.
29-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN!
COMPLETELY UNPOPULAR.

WHAM!
IS THAT HOW YOU MAKE AN APOLOGY!?
TRY AND PUT SOME FEELING IN
SNAP
yank
WHERE DO YOU GET OFF SO CAVALIER ABOUT THIS!? APOLOGIZE! START WITH AN APOLOGY!
I AM SORRY
(Monotone.)
RELAX OBVIOUSLY I'M GOING TO FIX YOU UP THAT'S WHY I CAME
AHH... I THOUGHT I'D GET AWAY WITHOUT ANYONE FIGURING IT OUT
Damn.
THAT'S BACKWARDS! YOU'VE MIXED UP YOUR OUTER AND INNER MONOLOGUE!
blink
ROAR
IT'S NOT STUPID I GUESS
huff huff
HE'S SO STUPIDLY PRETTY!
He looks so much like that angel.

IF THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE YOU FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT, OTHER THAN YOUR DESTINED PARTNER...
THE ORIGINAL THREAD CAN SNAP AND A NEW ONE CAN FORM ALL ON ITS OWN
ACTUALLY THESE RED THREADS ARE PRETTY UNSTABLE
OH, BUT...
THIS ISN'T MY NORMAL PERSONALITY...
I don't feel like that just one had any meaning, but...
IS THAT RIGHT?
AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF STORIES OF PEOPLE WHO DIE WITHOUT EVER MEETING THEIR DESTINED PARTNER
I HAPPENED TO FIND A GREAT CANDIDATE OVER THERE.
NOW THAT THAT'S DECIDED, LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.
HUH? OVER THERE?
Where?
I don't get this guy...
.....
GOT TIRED FROM TALKING TOO MUCH.
Whew——
It's completely your fault
THE CONTENTS OF THOSE PARENTHESES ARE REALLY PISSING ME OFF
ANYWAY THIS INCIDENT IS (MAYBE) MY FAULT (A LITTLE BIT)
AS SUCH, I PROMISE I'LL SET YOU UP WITH A REALLY STRONG THREAD OKAY?

OVER THERE.
It's got a strong nose. People find that attractive, right?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? IT'S STABLE (IN TERMS OF CONSTRUCTION) IT'S WARM
AND IF YOU DON'T POUR IN THAT LOVING EMOTION CALLED "HOT WATER" YOUR LOVE TURNS COLD WITH A "SHHH" SOUND
YOU NUMS-SKULL!
... ...
What do you want me to do with this?
THIS IS A WATER HEATER
Oooh! Ohoh! I'm so jealous!
YOU CAN BE THE FIRST MAN IN THE WORLD TO MARRY AN APPLIANCE!
AND SORRY, BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SOMEONE WITH A WATER HEATER FOR A WIFE!
YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOOD AT THIS!
SHUT YOUR PIE HOLE!
So manly!
I'm not a magician.
FIRST OF ALL, YOU DON'T POUR HOT WATER INTO A WATER HEATER!

HAPPY DAYS WITH AN APPLIANCE FAMILY?
AT LEAST GET ME SOMETHING LIVING
AND ANYWAY I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE A LIFE WITH AN APPLIANCE OR A WIFE!
AN OLD EXPRESSION.
shake
shake
UUUUGH, THIS GUY'S A PERVERT!
...!?
Who can get it up for a water heater? Ugh.
HMM
LET'S THINK
IF WE'RE TALKING LIVING THINGS IN THIS ROOM...
HE DOT HIT
THE ONLY OTHER THINGS WOULD BE
...COCK? ...A-
scut He
NOOOOO!
NOOOO!
NOOOO!

I REALLY CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THIS GUY
NO CHOICE THEN
LET'S GO OUT
Though it's a pain in the ass
Do that from the beginning!
PARK

MORE IMPORTANTLY...
THERE'S NO WAY A GIRL IS GOING TO BE WANDERING AROUND AT THIS HOUR!
Plus this is a park! All of you're gon' see couples and hobos in here!
HMMM
...I guess that's true.
POINT
BUT WE'RE HERE NOW
LET'S HAVE A SOCIAL BEHAVIOR FIELD TRIP!
PEEPING!
IS THIS WHY WE CAME HERE?
AHH!
IS THIS WHY WE CAME HERE?
I'm going to say it again

DO YOU HAVE ONE TOO? A DESTINED PARTNER I MEAN.
A DESTINED PARTNER
thud
WHEW

NO

WHY? YOU DON'T WANT ONE?
NOPE
YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE YOUR OWN RED THREAD SYSTEM?
WE DO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE PARTNERS BUT I DON'T HAVE ONE

THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, BUT THE NUMBER I'VE REALLY CONNECTED WITH IS SMALL, AND THERE'S A LIMIT TO THAT THOSE RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE.
IT ONLY TAKES A MOMENT TO LOSE A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY, BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHY FOR ME WHO, NOT TO MENTION A GIRLFRIEND, DOESN'T EVEN HAVE PARENTS.
NOT REALLY
IT'S JUST A BOTHER
A "BOTHER" IS NOT THE WORD I'D PUT TO THAT EXPRESSION
Not right now...
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T GET WHY SOMEONE WOULD SAY THAT

I WAS QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE

YES, YES, I'M A CREEP ANYWAY. I'M OBVIOUSLY A SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUAL
CREEPY AND DULL. AS A RESULT THE WOMEN OF MY COMPANY TEND TO REFER TO ME AS "CREEPLE" UNDER THEIR BREATH
AND DRINKING AGAIN.
APPLE SAKE
NOT JUST LACKING A FATED PARTNER OR WHATEVER, I'M A VIRGIN TOO. HAHAHA.
OH, I GOT IT! MY "DESTINED PARTNER" IS MY LEFT HAND RIGHT?
Hahahahaha!
DAMN IT... AT THIS RATE MY LIFE GOAL SHOULD BE HEAD OF THE FAIRIES... PRESIDENT OF THE FAIRIES... KING OF THE FAIRIES!
DECAYING!
And yet I'm still using amakudari* to do it
I SEE SO THIS IS THAT FUKAI* I'VE HEARD ABOUT
HEY... TELL ME SOMETHING
*TN Fukai: lit. "sea of rot" an area of decay and monsters from Nausicaa and the Valley of the Wind.
*TN Amakudari: demotion sideways, usually for misconduct usually from government (even in very elite jobs) seen as unfair by those who get to the jobs through hard work.

WH-
ARE YOU LONELY?
IN THE PARK YOU DID SAY IT WAS JUST A BOTHER
BUT YOUR EXPRESSION WAS SO LONELY
I AM...
...LONELY
IT'S EASY LIVING ALONE AND I'M USED TO IT. BUT...

IMOTO-KUN, IS IT TRUE YOU DON'T HAVE PARENTS?
THE TRUTH IS, I'M REALLY...
YEAH. I LOST THEM BOTH WHEN I WAS LITTLE
WOW
SO YOU MUST BE REALLY LONELY
REALLY?
...
YEAH.
I'M NOT LONELY AT ALL.
grip
I'VE GOT MY GRANDPA TOO.

"I'M NOT LONELY AT ALL."
clack
I COULD ALWAYS POP MY CHERRY AT THE RED LIGHT DISTRICT I GUESS.
BUT SOMEHOW THAT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT
YOU'RE NO HELP.
NOW I'LL LIVE OUT MY LIFE AS A FAIRY
Hahaha.
Anyway, I'll call it a drink
HEY.
WANT ME TO PUT A STOP TO YOUR BECOMING A FAIRY?
As an optional extra.
What did you just say?
HUH?
I MEAN HAVING SEX WITH ME
WHAT... ARE YOU SAYING?
I HAVE NO DESIRE TO STICK IT IN ANOTHER MAN.
NO WAY, NO WAY, NO! NO WAY, NO WAY, NO WAY, NOT HAPPENING.
THEN I'LL STICK IT IN.
Blush, like a virgin

AND THAT WOULD COUNT AS LOSING MY VIRGINITY?
Ureshi ko
it would mean losing something much more important
IF YOU MEAN BY GAINING EXPERIENCE THEN YES, OF COURSE IT DOES YOU HAVEN'T KISSED ANYONE EITHER, RIGHT?
WHAT IF I SAID I WANTED TO DO IT WITH YOU!?
WELL THEN..
...
DO IT WITH ME?
YEAH
...!?
ba-thump
stare

kiss
WHOA. HIS TONGUE
lick
suck
NN!
lick
kiss
UNH NN
lick
suck
haa
kiss
WA!
+tt+
WHA-
NN.!
NN

haa
BELIEVE ME NOW?
pant
AS IF
I FIGURED.
stupid
reach
BUT
"IT'S JUST A BOTHER."
THAT MOMENT
IF NOTHING ELSE HIS EXPRESSION AT THAT TIME
!
squeeze

AH!
SQUISH
I BELIEVE
WHAT DO YOU THINK? ANOTHER PERSON'S HANDS FEEL PRETTY GOOD, HUH?
Pant
I FIN GERS
HU RT
NN!
shiver
UGH
Pant
squelch
flex flex
THEY SHOULDN'T I'M USING GEL AND ALL.
I THINK. THAT SHOULD DO IT
NN!
twitch

I'D RATHER DO IT FACE TO FACE. YOUR GLASSES ARE FOGGING UP.
And they've got some teardrops and stuff on them.
I... I CAN'T HELP THAT!
?
spin
WHEN WE'RE THIS CLOSE YOU CAN STILL SEE MY HANDSOME FACE RIGHT?
pull
WHAT "HANDSOME"!? ALL I SEE IS A PERVERTED FACE!
YOU'RE THE ONE DESPERATE FOR SEX
sigh
I'm putting it in.
OKAY. RELAX.
BLUUUUUUUSH
!

twitch
squelch
grind
grind
grind
!
PAIN
.. ow
.....!
So tight
Pant
AH!
haa
Pant
squish
haa
SHIFT YOUR HIPS
haa
I'M MOVING YOU TOO
Pant
AH..

shudder
Pant
AH!
Pant
grip
THRUST
THRUST
THRUST
NN!
SQUISH
SQUISH
JOLT
splurt
splurt
Pant
haa
NN...
Pant
AH!
THRUST

haa
FEELING THIS SOUND AGAINST ME FROM SOMEONE ELSE FEELS KIND OF SAFE...
tap
YOU HAVE A HEART TOO.
Pant
Pant
SO I GUESS I'LL JUST TELL YOU...
WELL, THE DATE'S CHANGED.
Happy birthday!
That was never on the table!
Good for you. Now you won't have wings growing out of your arms

AHHGH! I'M LATE!
chirp chirp chirp
annoyed
WHAT ARE YOU YELLING ABOUT AT THE ASS CRACK OF DAWN...
And on top of that a hangover...
Oh, no...
...!
YOU BASTARD! WHEN I GET HOME WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LONG TALK ABOUT YESTERDAY, GOT THAT!?
HM? ABOUT THE SEX?
...!
ABOUT MY RED THREAD! DUMBASS!
OH. THAT'S ALL TAKEN CARE OF.
WHAT?
GRIT

WELL... I GUESS GOING BACK HOME JUST TO DO THE SAME WORK SEEMED REALLY TROUBLESOME.
PLUS SEX WITH YOU TURNED OUT TO BE A LOT BETTER THAN I EXPECTED...
IN OTHER WORDS...
※ HUMANS CAN'T SEE THIS.
I TIED YOU UP WITH ME.
Hehe!
SO HE HAS COMPLETELY
BROKEN HIS WORD!
THIS GUY...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT HAPPENED TO WORK? YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE
I am not being bashful!
Don't be so bashful.
SHUT THE HELL UP!
SNIP SNIP SNIP
YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY CUT IT WITH SCISSORS ANYWAY. YOU CAN'T SEE IT CAN YOU?
END

MOAN
SAVE ME!
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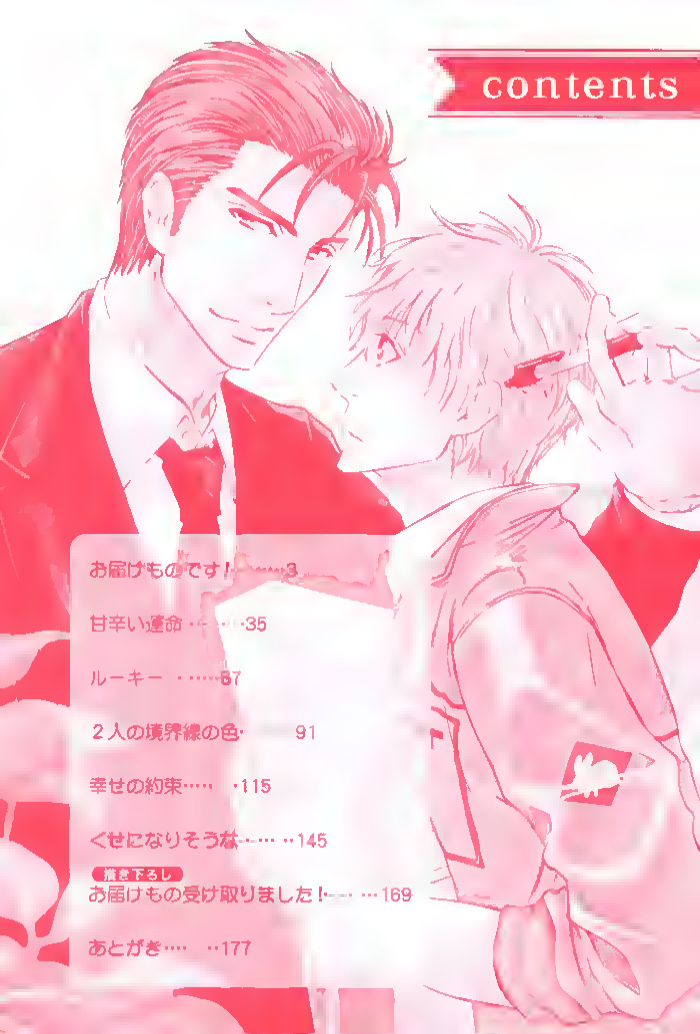
Delivery!
HANDLE
WITH
CARE

THIS IS MY FIRST VOLUME WITH THIS LABEL.
PLEASE TREAT ME WELL.

Atsuyo Fuduki



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